

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 76-89 are pending in this application. Claims 1-75 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 76-89 have been added.

Claims 1, 54-58, 60, 63, 65 and 67-72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as “failing to comply with the written description requirement.” The claims have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 1, 54-58, 60, 63, 65 and 67-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as “failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

New claims 76-89 are presented. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview on July 28, 2004, wherein a proposed restructuring of the claim 1 was discussed that would overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. As a result of the interview, new base claims 76 and 87 are presented in place of base claims 1 and 73. It is believed that the base claims, as presented, comply with the first and second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are in allowable condition along with the claims dependent thereon.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims 76-89 comply with the written description and enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and therefore are patentable. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims is requested. Allowance of the claims is courteously solicited.

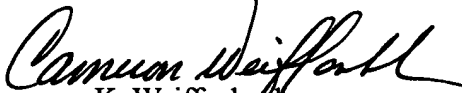
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If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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